



2008 AMBER Alert Training

A comprehensive training and technical assistance program has been developed by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop and enhance AMBER Alert programs and create a seamless AMBER Alert network across the country. Training and technical assistance is designed to increase collaboration, improve skills, and develop more effective policies and practices to protect and safely recover missing children. This assistance is being provided by Fox Valley Technical College.

The following courses are offered in Boston during the month of March:

Program Descriptions

AMBER and the Media: March 3-4, 2008

This course is designed to enhance the skills of law enforcement investigating a child abduction in which there is media involvement. The training will provide valuable information about the culture of the media, best practices in working with the media, setting up and holding press conferences and engaging the media over the long-term. **Length of program is 2 days. Target audience:** Law enforcement professionals from first responders, public information officers to CEO's.

Basic Forensic Response to Missing and Abducted Children: March 3-5, 2008

This course is designed to enhance the forensic skills of law enforcement professionals responsible for crime scene investigations including missing and abducted children cases. Topics covered include: pre-planning, chain of custody issues/evidence security, crime scene identification and preservation, crime mapping and photography, trace evidence, fingerprints/palm prints, DNA/body fluids, composite sketching/forensic art and electronic evidence. Hands-on, facilitated activities will give the participants a chance to try some of the techniques taught in class.

One module of this program will be devoted to Identi-Kit training. In order to benefit from this training module, if at all possible, participants should bring with them a laptop computer containing Windows 98 or some later version. The participant's Department will receive a contract with the Identi-Kit Corporation which will entitle the Department to receive a license and free use of Identi-Kit

software for six months. As a result of attending this training program, participants will be certified Identi-Kit operators. **Length of program is 2½ days.** **Target audience:** Law enforcement professionals including crime scene specialists, first responders, and investigators.

Leadership for Missing and Abducted Children (LMAC): March 6-7, 2008

This course is designed for law enforcement managers and executives who are capable of making policy-level decisions that effect administration and implementation of AMBER Alert Plans in their agency. Topics that will be covered in this course will include a scope and scale overview of the issues related to missing and abducted children, key components of an AMBER policy and the elements of a comprehensive child recovery plan, how to develop a memorandum of understanding with other agencies, and how to engage or disengage the media on child abduction cases. Case studies will be used to exemplify the course content and participants will have the opportunity to improve their AMBER Alert/Child recovery plan through guided facilitation.

Length of program is 2 days. **Target audience:** Law enforcement managers and executives.

*****Tuition, lodging, training materials and continental breakfast will be provided to the participant. Transportation, meals, and parking are at the expense of the participant.**

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